

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1129****SENATE BILL NO. 3058****By Kyle, Berke, Ford****Substituted for: House Bill No. 2788****By Cooper, Miller, Hardaway, Towns, Fraley, Favors, Brown**

AN ACT relative to education and employment of non-violent offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Department of Correction in conjunction with the Department of Human Resources is requested to study the issue of education and employment for persons convicted of non-violent criminal offenses. Such study shall include determining guidelines and qualifications for the state to consider in hiring non-violent criminal offenders including tests and security measures such offender would need to meet. Such study shall also include measures that need to be taken to increase educational and skills training at youth and adult detention facilities for non-violent criminal offenders. It is the intent of the general assembly that this study be conducted within existing resources to be shared equally by both departments. The departments shall jointly report the findings of the study to the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee by March 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 20, 2008**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 13th day of June 2008**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR